

STATE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Divorce etc. Statistics

1. Writs Issued and Orders Granted in 5 year periods ended 1920 to 1945 and annually 1943 to 1948.

particulars	Averages for 5 years ended -					
	1920	1925	1930	1935	1940	1945
WRITS						
Divorce	64.2	98.6	152.2	235.6	311.4	616.2
Judicial Separation	1.2	2.0	1.8	0.4	-	1.4
Nullity of Marriage	-	0.8	1.8	0.6	-	0.4
Total	65.6	101.4	155.8	236.6	311.4	618.0
ORDERS						
Divorce - Nisi	37.8	77.6	126.8	189.0	258.2	504.8
Absolute	22.6	82.6	106.6	166.8	242.2	417.0
Judicial Separation	0.6	0.2	0.4	0.8	2.2	1.4
Nullity of Marriage	0.2	0.8	0.6	0.6	1.8	0.4
RESTITUTION OF CONJUGAL RIGHTS						
petitions	0.2	0.4	-	-	-	0.8
Decrees	-	-	-	-	-	0.8
	Years					
	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948
WRITS						
Divorce	630	702	870	846	732	742
Judicial Separation	-	2	2	1	1	1
Nullity of Marriage	-	2	-	12	2	3
Total	630	706	872	859	734	746
ORDERS						
Divorce - Nisi	520	598	689	709	655	601
Absolute	450	497	604	651	685	628
Judicial Separation	-	2	2	1	3	2
Nullity of Marriage	-	-	-	5	5	2
RESTITUTION OF CONJUGAL RIGHTS						
Petitions	1	-	2	1	3	1
Decrees	1	-	2	-	1	1

2. Grounds on which Divorces etc. granted

Grounds	1947			1948		
	Petition by -			Petition by -		
	Husband	Wife	Total	Husband	Wife	Total
DIVORCES ABSOLUTE						
Adultery	214	194	408	178	145	323
Desertion	111	111	222	140	121	261
Habitual Cruelty	2	34	36	-	29	29
Insanity	3	2	5	5	1	6
Drunkenness	2	4	6	-	4	4
Failure to Maintain	-	6	6	-	4	4
Supposed Dead	1	1	2	-	1	1
Total	333	352	685	323	305	628
NULLITY OF MARRIAGE						
Impotence	2	-	2	1	-	1
Bigamy	1	2	3	1	-	1

3. Divorces Absolute - Numbers according to Duration of Marriage and Issue

Duration of Marriage Years	Issue										
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	11	Total
<u>1947</u>											
0 - 4	77	26	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	106
5 - 9	112	74	34	8	4	-	-	-	-	-	232
10 - 14	36	58	50	14	4	3	-	2	-	-	167
15 - 19	22	17	20	12	5	-	-	-	-	-	76
20 - 24	32	14	5	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	57
25 - 29	18	7	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	27
30 - 34	10	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	11
35 - 39	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
40 - 44	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
45 - 49	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Total	316	196	113	41	14	3	-	2	-	-	685
<u>1948</u>											
0 - 4	61	37	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	102
5 - 9	93	77	29	6	1	1	-	-	-	-	207
10 - 14	31	40	22	9	6	1	-	-	-	1	110
15 - 19	26	25	18	8	1	2	1	1	1	-	83
20 - 24	27	13	7	8	2	-	-	-	-	-	57
25 - 29	30	7	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	39
30 - 34	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17
35 - 39	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
40 - 44	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	298	199	82	31	10	4	1	1	1	1	628

4 - Divorce Absolute - Numbers according to Ages at time of Divorce

Age of Wife	Age of Husband							Total
	Under 25	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50 & over	
<u>1947</u>								
Under 25	18	53	20	-	-	-	-	91
25-29	4	62	69	22	1	-	-	158
30-34	-	12	80	62	11	3	5	173
35-39	-	1	13	43	43	15	4	119
40-44	-	-	-	6	29	19	8	62
45-49	-	-	-	2	10	14	14	40
50 & over	-	-	1	-	-	4	37	42
Total	22	128	183	135	94	55	68	685
<u>1948</u>								
Under 25	24	2	-	-	-	-	-	26
25-29	49	54	10	1	1	-	-	115
30-34	6	61	44	13	-	1	-	125
35-39	-	24	56	49	8	1	1	139
40-44	1	4	12	36	31	5	2	91
45-49	-	-	2	11	15	17	5	50
50 & over	-	-	-	4	7	29	42	82
Total	80	145	124	114	62	53	50	628